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In re Application of:

Yoshinori SHIBATA

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RESPONSE TO MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Honorable Director of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Miscellaneous Action mailed December 3, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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21. (Three Times Amended) An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein:

the first lock comprises a first actuator coupled to the first sensor and

the second lock comprises a second actuator coupled to the the second sensor, wherein

the first and second actuators convert electric signals generated by the sensors into mechanical energy to actuate the first and second locks, respectively.